

SECTION A: Preliminary Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

A preferred embodiment of a ~~bathtub~~ bathing unit according to the invention is illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, ~~and designated generally by the reference numeral 10.~~
In a preferred embodiment, the bathing unit is a bathtub and designated generally by the reference numeral 10. The tub 10 comprises a front side 12 adjacent to a shower head 13, an opposite rear side 14, an inner side 16, and an outer side 18 whereby a user enters and exits the tub 10. The outer side 18 includes a tub threshold 21 of particular interest to the invention. The tub 10 includes an exterior 23, and an interior, or reservoir, 25 defined by an enclosed vertical sidewall 27 and a bottom floor 29.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

In Figures 3 and 4, a bathing unit is shown, wherein in a preferred embodiment, the bathing unit is ~~of~~ a shower stall enclosure 100, and, more particularly, a shower base assembly, or shower pan, 110, which operates to prevent leakage. It is to be expressly understood that the shower base assembly 110 may be formed separately or in combination with an entire shower stall enclosure 100. In particular, the base assembly 110 comprises a front side 112 adjacent to a shower head 113, an opposite rear side 114, an inner side 116, and an outer side 118 whereby a user enters and exits the shower stall enclosure 100. The outer side 118 includes a shower threshold 121 of particular interest to the invention. The shower base assembly 110

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includes an exterior 123, and an interior 125, or reservoir, defined by an enclosed vertical sidewall 127 and a bottom floor 129.